

Maidenhead
5 Nov. 1862

My dear Sir

I can safely state
that the Stamps in ques-
tion never reached me.
I have been constantly
at home, and have re-
gularly marked off the
names of such as sent
Stamps.

I will inquire at
our P. O; but what you

Suggest is not impossible,
though, I hope, improba-
ble.

You are quite right
to keep a watch on
such transactions. If at
any time I blunder, of
course I must be respon-
sible; but I endeavour
to be quite accurate.

With renewed thanks,

Yours very faithfully
J. Payne Collier

J. A. Harlow Esq.

We have 3 Posts & a
day here & your Stamps
arrived four hours before
your note regarding them.

If both ^{notes} were put
into your Post at the same
time, there must have
been some irregularity in
the delivery

Dear Mother
I have just
received your
letter of the 10th
and am very
glad to hear
from you. I
am well and
hope this
letter finds
you the same.
I have not
much news to
write at present.
The weather
is very warm
here now.
I must close
for this time.
Write soon.
Your affectionate
son,
John Smith